THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Home Secretary to examine the existing system of issuance of licences for manufacture, supply and movement of explosive materials, and suggest measures for proper monitoring, as well as an effective mechanism with appropriate accountability at each level, including manufacture, supply, tracking of transit and utilization at the user's end, in order to prevent these material from falling into undesirable hands.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Gujarat Government's proposal for upgradation of Coastal Police Stations

1306. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal by Government of India has been received from Gujarat State for upgradation of 41 Coastal Police Stations;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) whether Government has accorded/sanctioned camel patrolling system, watch towers, etc. under the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal from Government of Gujarat was received in 2006-07 for upgrading of the existing 40 police stations. But, the proposal could not be considered as the ongoing Coastal Security Scheme, which is under implementation since 2005-06 is approved for five years and any such proposal could be considered only at the time of review after that. The State Government was informed accordingly.

(c) No, Sir.

Better arms and communication system with naxals

1307. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Maoists are better equipped with not only superior weaponry but also with superior communications and information network compared to security personnels;

(b) if so, the preparedness of State police and central para military forces to deal with naxalite problem in different States;

(c) how the sophisticated arms and communication system is reaching naxals; and

(d) what kind of training and modernization is being done at the level of State police and how far Government is providing help in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per information available, Maoists have sophisticated weapons and communication systems. They primarily get a substantial bulk of